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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Robert K. Rowe et al.

Application No.: 09/832,534

Filed: April 11, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION OR  
VERIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS  
USING OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPY

Examiner: Werner, Brian P.

Art Unit: 2621

AMENDMENT

#17B  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2002 (paper no. 14), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 48, amend Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10, 12, 15-17, 19-21, 33, 46, and 47, and add Claims 49-52 so that the pending claims read as follows:

